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My Dearest One:-

May-be you
would like me to remind
you that I am, and al
ways will love you more
than all else on earth.
Of course I have not got

any news to write, only all
the cold I've taken has settled
on my top lip and eyes. And
I am quite beautiful to
behold. If my face was
only black I'd make a typi-
cal negro. But I've been
at work just the same. have
just about finished a —
like this red sample — Can you
guess what it is? —

Dearest, I will not have
a lot of fancy clothes but
plenty of such as I'll need to
~~use~~ I did not get that little
silk shirt waist suit. because

the silks they had did not suit me
and then too as I am not going north
with you until summer I will not
read it. Oh Darling, I wish I
could talk to you just two
hours if no more. Please send
a proof of the "little booklet," I'd
liked to ^{see} have it. if possible, before
the little books are made. And
dear, if you should have let

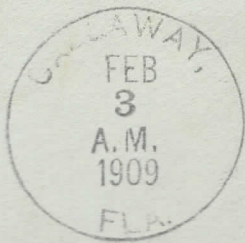
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me, I would have brought
that Navy article back
and worked it over my-
self. and saved you
all that work and trouble,
but you just would have
your way, and then, I believe
you thought me lazy for
handing in such untidy

copy. I'll be more Carefull
from now and try to take work
off of you instead of heaping
it on. You have enough
when I do all that is in my
power. I think and plan
most of the time now to know
just how I shall act or
just what is the best way to
master the proportion that will
confront me. to play the part
that will be best for you, that
will aid you most and will
bring the most peace to our
home. Darling, I love you
and without your love to guide and
strengthen me I am afraid-

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But when I think I realize that
you do truly love me, then I
feel that I could con-
gratulate you. You see Dearest, while
you were away last time I took
a little peep in what my life
over there would be, ~~what~~ (without you)
just the responsibilities of the home-
Darling. I shall do my best
guided by you. Love-ly William.



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